Appl. No. 09/873,637 Amdt. Dated October 28, 2003 Reply to Office Action of September 8, 2003

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated September 8, 2003 rejected all pending claims (16 and 21 – 27) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Office Action notes that "limiting the scope of the claims to breast cancer diagnosis would obviate this rejection."

While neither agreeing or acquiescing with the Examiner's rejection, Applicants respectfully submit claims amended to the diagnosis of breast cancer.

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance.

No fees are believed necessary to enter this amendment. However, if any fees are necessary please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

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